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UNITED STATES SENATE

September 13, 1951

Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr.,  
Deputy Administrator  
Economic Cooperation Administration  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bissell:

While in Italy in the past fortnight, I was told on highest authority that Italian industry was making cash contributions to the support of the Communist party in that country.

I wonder if your Agency has any information regarding this matter and if so, what you could supply me regarding it. Particularly, I would be interested in knowing if any industries which are the direct or indirect beneficiaries of our foreign economic assistance have been engaged in the practice.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Homer Ferguson

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